School of Political Science and International Studies (POLSIS)

Governance and Public Policy Induction

Semester 1, 2026

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My role:

- First port of call for administrative issues
- Advice on subject selection
- Advice and support
- Career and further study options
- Questions about services available at UQ
- Feedback on the program
- Teaching POLS7113; POLS7116

Other key POLSIS staff:

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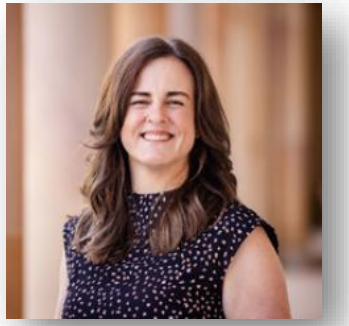


Dr Sarah Ball

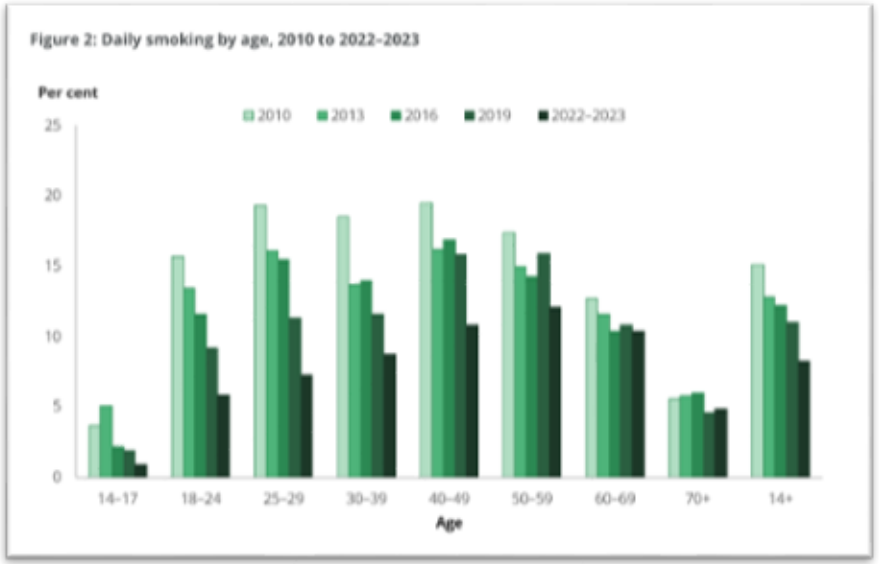
Professor Brian Head
POLS7114

Dr DB Subedi
POLS7000

Dr Frank Mols
POLS7101

What is policy and why study it?

- **The skills and practices of policymaking**, and especially the design, implementation and evaluation of policy. What are the skills of an effective policymaker? And how can we better address the diverse and complex policy problems that state and non-state actors face?
- **An ability to take a power-critical view of policymaking**. How does *politics* shape policy? What are the broader social, economic and cultural forces that shape and constrain the work of the policymaker? And how, when moments of change present themselves, might policy be 'done differently'?



Next Steps

KNOW YOUR PROGRAM

KNOW HOW TO COMPLETE

PLAN ACCORDINGLY

32-unit program (2 years)

- 8 units for all MGPP **Foundational Courses**, and
- 12 units for all MGPP **Core Courses**, and
- 4 to 12 units for MGPP **Flexible Core Courses**, and
- 0 to 8 units from MGPP **Program Elective Courses**

Sem 1 2026	Sem 2 2026	Sem 1 2027	Sem 2 2027
POLS7000 Writing Politics	**POLS7101** Dynamics of Governance	**POLS7111** Dynamics of Public Policy	**Flexible/Elective course choice****
POLS7002 Foundations in Politics, Policy and IR	**POLS7113** Comparative Public Policy	**POLS7116** Policy Design and Implementation	**Flexible/Elective course choice**
	POLS7114 Knowledge and Evidence in Public Policy	**POLS7406** Economic Analysis and Public Policy	**Flexible/Elective course choice**
	Flexible/Elective course choice	**Flexible/Elective course choice***	**Flexible/Elective course choice**

* You may want to think about **POLS7701 Research Methods** here if you are interested in completing a **Research Project**.

24-unit program (1.5 years)

- 12 units for all MGPP **Core Courses**, and
- 4 to 12 units for MGPP **Flexible Core Courses**, and
- 0 to 8 units from MGPP **Program Elective Courses**

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POLS7116 Policy Design and Implementation	**POLS7113** Comparative Public Policy	**Flexible/Elective course choice**
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Flexible course choice	**Flexible/Elective course choice***	**Flexible/Elective course choice**

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16-unit program (1 years)

- 12 units for all MGPP **Core Courses**, and
- 4 units for MGPP **Flexible Core Courses**

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POLS7116 Policy Design and Implementation	**POLS7113** Comparative Public Policy
POLS7406 Economic Analysis and Public Policy	**POLS7114** Knowledge and Evidence in Public Policy
Flexible course choice	**Flexible course choice**

Graduate Diploma

Diploma (16 units):

- 8 units from **Core Courses**, and
- 8 units **Elective Courses**

Semester 1 2026	Semester 2 2026
Two out of three: • **POLS7111** Dynamics of Public Policy • **POLS7116** Policy Design and Implementation • **POLS7406** Economic Analysis and Public Policy	**Two out of three:** • **POLS7101** Dynamics of Governance • **POLS7113** Comparative Public Policy • **POLS7114** Knowledge and Evidence in Public Policy
Elective	**Elective**
Elective	**Elective**

Graduate Certificate

Certificate (8 units):

- 8 units for all **GCGPP Foundational Courses***, or
- 8 units from **GCGPP Flexible Core Courses**, or
- 8 units for **GCGPP Flexible Core Courses** and **Program Elective Courses**

*Recommended if you do not have a relevant prior degree or significant work experience in a policy role.

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	Flexible/Elective course choice	**Flexible/Elective course choice**

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Flexible and elective courses

Courses from outside of public policy, e.g.
International Relations, Development, Health Policy, Environment, Organisational Studies.

Research and internship

Queensland Government

Flexible and elective courses

Flexible Core (4 to 12 units)

Global Governance, Policy and Development	
LAWS7710	Principles of International Law
PLAN7612	Global South Cities: Development Planning Theory and Practice
POLS7107	Globalisation, International Political Economy & Development
POLS7190	Indigenous Politics within and beyond the state
POLS7306	International Crisis Management
POLS7509	Gender and the Global Politics of Development
POLS7888	Technologies, Geopolitics and Governance
POLS7999	Postcolonial and Decolonial Thought and Politics
Leadership, Communication and Analysis	
SOCY7339	Social Enterprises and Not for Profits
MGTS7619	Leadership: Theory & Practice
MGTS7601	Managing Organisational Behaviour
TIMS7329	Social Entrepreneurship in Practice
PLAN7121	Community Participation in Planning
COMU7000	Communication for Social Change Theory
COMU7111	Risk Communication
MKTG7513	Marketing for Social Change
Contemporary Policy Challenges	
CYBR7003	Cyber Security Governance, Policy, Ethics and Law
POLS7115	Politics of Environmental Change
ENVM7505	Conservation Policy
ENVM7512	Environmental Problem Solving
ENGY7117	Energy Markets, Law and Policy
PUBH7049	Public Health Advocacy: Power, influence and politics.
PUBH7645	Global Health Policy in Practice
ECON7830	Health Economics and Policy

Program Electives (0 to 8 units)

POLS7108	Independent Study
POLS7120/7121/7122	Research Project (6 units)
POLS7125	Internship
POLS7701	Research Methods (Semester 2 only)

Important notes:

1. Research courses generally have a GPA requirement (>5.5 for Research Projects) and an application process. Applications are to be submitted well in advance of the semester (usually around 4 weeks). It is recommended you take these courses in your final semester.
2. Internships must be organised by the student, well in advance of the semester.

MGPP students may also complete up to 4 units (2 courses) from outside of this list, from other schools and faculties within UQ, with the approval of the program convenor.

Process:
Email the program convenor, outlining why this course will contribute to your public policy studies and future career goals.

Course enrolment & tutorial sign-on

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- If you have a problem with sign-on or timetabling, email: polsis@uq.edu.au

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Semester 1 2026 Orientation

Master of International Relations Information Session

Prof Shahar Hameiri

16 Feb 2026

What's happening today?

1. Welcome
2. Understanding your program structure
3. Preparing for your courses
4. Settling into university life

1. Welcome

Who am I?

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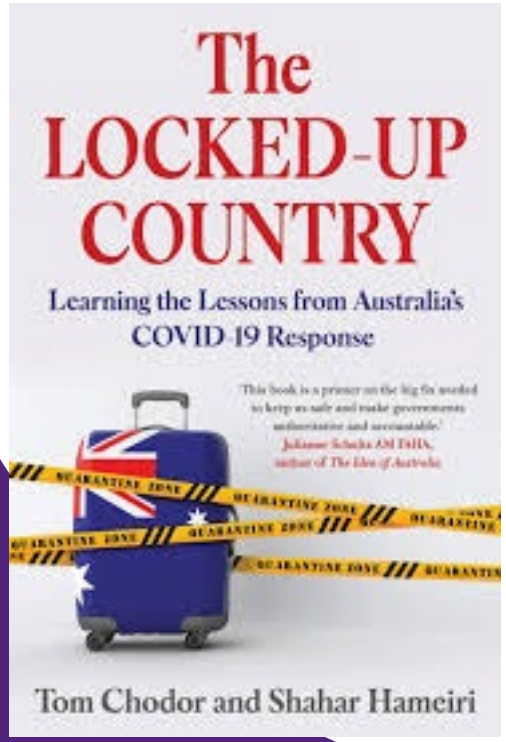

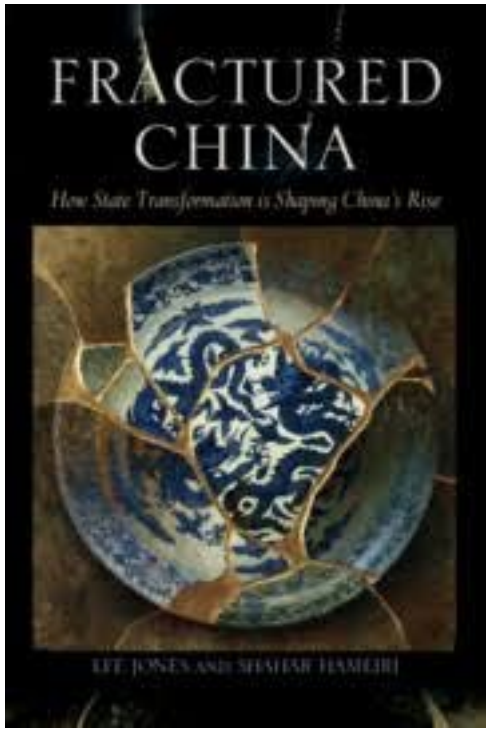

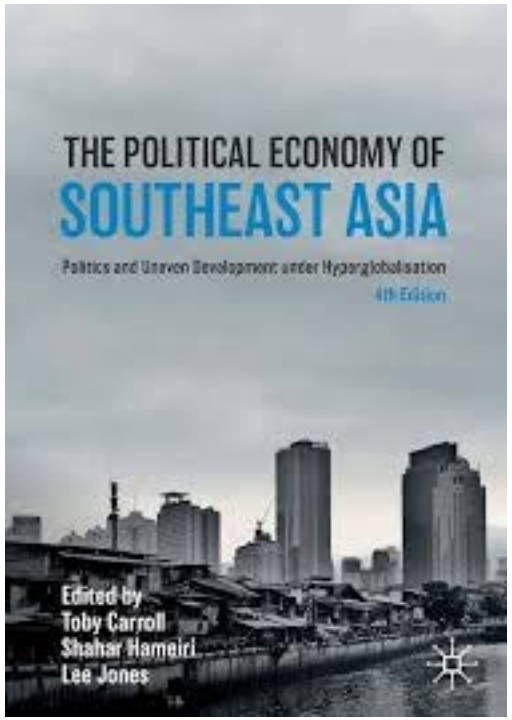

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Some basic terminology

Your University

Central

Faculty

School

Your Degree

Program

Plan

Your Courses

Course

– Compulsory

– Elective

Unit

Course Profile

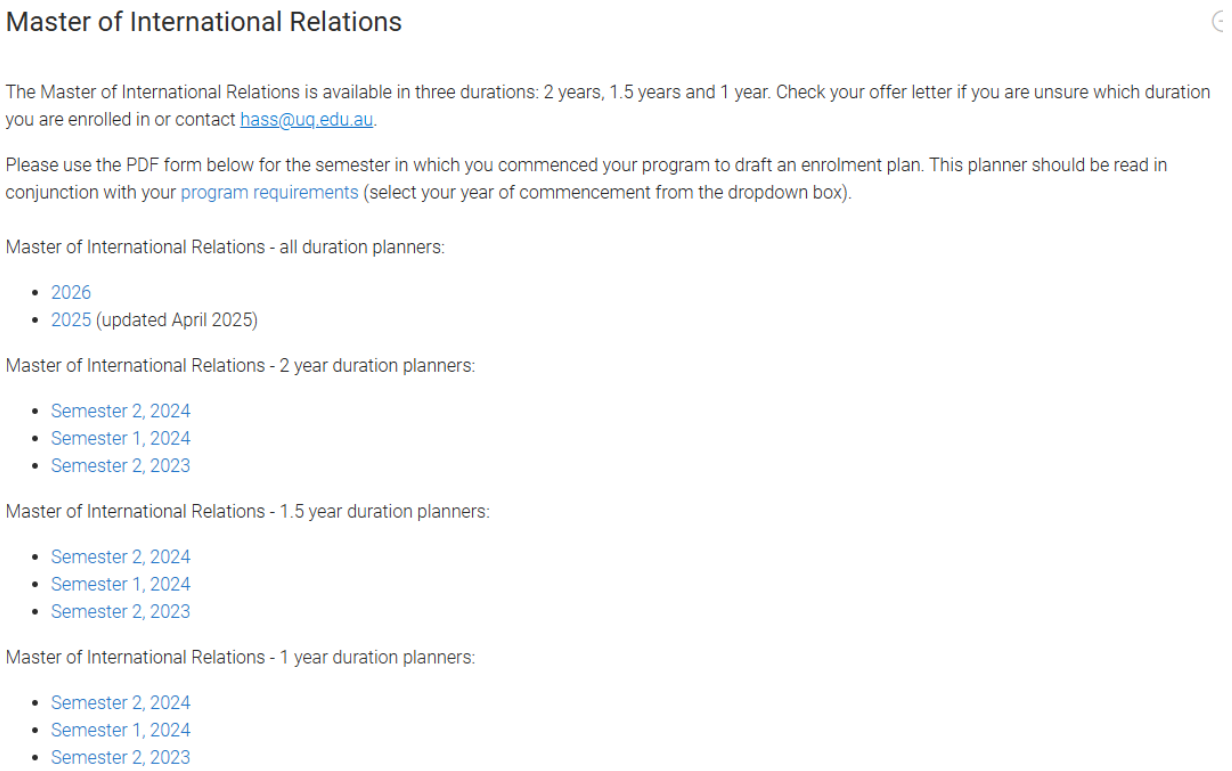
Blackboard

2. Understanding your program structure

UQ Program Advice

The Program Advice is a tool that allows you to plan courses for your program and ensure that the plan meets the program's completion rules and chosen structure.

https://hass.uq.edu.au/postgraduate-program-advice



Master of International Relations

The Master of International Relations is available in three durations: 2 years, 1.5 years and 1 year. Check your offer letter if you are unsure which duration you are enrolled in or contact hass@uq.edu.au.

Please use the PDF form below for the semester in which you commenced your program to draft an enrolment plan. This planner should be read in conjunction with your program requirements (select your year of commencement from the dropdown box).

Master of International Relations - all duration planners:

- 2026
- 2025 (updated April 2025)

Master of International Relations - 2 year duration planners:

- Semester 2, 2024
- Semester 1, 2024
- Semester 2, 2023

Master of International Relations - 1.5 year duration planners:

- Semester 2, 2024
- Semester 1, 2024
- Semester 2, 2023

Master of International Relations - 1 year duration planners:

- Semester 2, 2024
- Semester 1, 2024
- Semester 2, 2023

#32

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Writing Politics	Globalisation, IPE and Development	International Security	Flexible/Elective course choice
Foundations in Politics, Policy and IR	Evolution of the International System	Theories in IR	Flexible/Elective course choice
	Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice
	Flexible/Elective course choice*	Flexible/Elective course choice**	Flexible/Elective course choice

* You may want to think about research methods here

** At this point you can tailor across a research route or electives (you are allowed variations)

#24

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
International Security	Globalisation, IPE and Development	Flexible/Elective course choice**
Theories in IR	Evolution of the International System	Flexible/Elective course choice
Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice
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Theories in IR	Evolution of the International System
Flexible course choice	Flexible course choice
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The Grad Certs

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	Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/elective	Flexible/Elective course choice
	Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/elective course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice

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MIR/MPACS

2026 Program Planner

Masters of International Relations / Peace and Conflict Studies (MIR/MPaCS))

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Semester 1 Commencement

Year 1				
1st Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
POLS7211	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7211	2 units
POLS7251	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7251	2 units
POLS7325	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7325	2 units
POLS7502	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7502	2 units
2nd Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
POLS7107	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7107	2 units
POLS7216	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7216	2 units
POLS7505	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7505	2 units
POLS7514	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7514	2 units

Year 2				
3rd Semester *(Feb – Jun)*		Semester 1		
POLS7523	*Core Course*	2 units	POLS7523	2 units
Option	*Flexible Core Course (Section 1) **	2 units		2 units
Option	*Flexible Core Course (Section 2) **	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
4th Semester *(Jul – Nov)*		Semester 2		
Option	*Flexible Core Course (Section 2) **	2 units		2 units
Option	*Flexible Core Course (Section 3) **	2 units		2 units
Option	*Program Elective Course*	2 units		2 units
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- ***Course profiles & Blackboard:*** *What are CPs and Blackboard? How do I access my lecture recordings and modules?*
- ***Timetabling:*** *What do I do if I have a timetable clash?*
- ***Assessment:*** *Is it compulsory to attend a lecture/tutorial and will I be graded on attendance?*
- ***Readings****: Where do I find information about required readings?*

Important dates

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Get support

HASS Student Administration Team

- Degree questions
- Credit requests
- Academic progress
- Overseas study approval

Contact
hass.uq.edu.au/contact

School Student Administration Team

- Course questions
- Timetables
- Assessment

Contact
hass.uq.edu.au/your_academic_resources

HASS Student Futures Team

- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Career mentoring and seminars
- Leadership development

Contact
hass.uq.edu.au/enrich-your-study-experience

UQ Student Services

- Learning assistance
- Disability support
- Counselling
- International student services
- Accommodation
- Multi-faith chaplaincy

Contact
my.uq.edu.au/student-support

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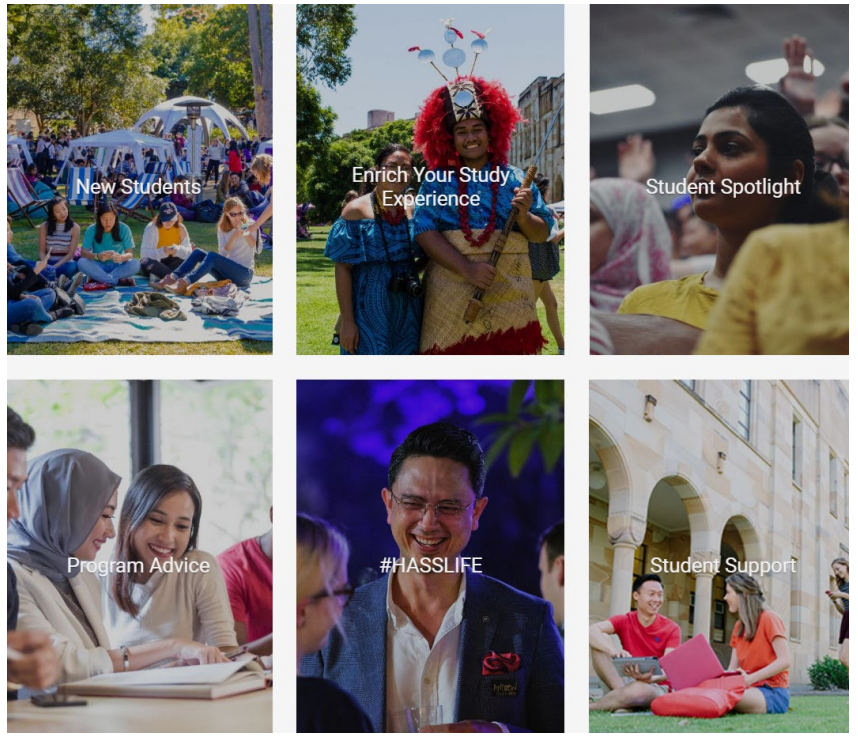

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MPACS Information Session

With DB Subedi

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Acknowledgment of **Country**

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

What's happening today?

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Meet your fellow students

MPACS program structure

Different PACS degrees

32 Units – 2 Years

24 units – 1.5 Years

16 units – 1 year

8 units – Graduate Certificate

32 Units (2 years)

- 8 Units Foundational Courses
- 10 Units Core Courses
- 4-14 Flexible Core Courses
- 0-10 Elective Courses
- 8 Units for approved recognized prior study and/or work experience
- * You may want to think about research methods here
- ** At this point you can tailor across a research route or electives
- You are allowed course variations

Year 1 /Semester 1	Year1 / Semester 2	Year 2/ Semester 1	Year 2 / Semester 2
Writing Politics	Peacebuilding (core)	Security and Development (Core)	Flexible/Elective course choice**
Foundations in Politics, Policy and IR	The Politics and Power of Nonviolence (Core)	Conflict Resolution (core)	Flexible/Elective course choice**
	Flexible/Elective course choice*	Gender, Peace and Security in Global and Local Perspective (Core)	Flexible/Elective course choice**
	Flexible/Elective course choice*	Flexible course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice**

24 Units (1.5 years)

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- MPaCS Foundational Courses – POLS7000 and POLS7002 cannot be credited towards MPaCS 1.5 year duration Elective Courses requirements.

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Security and Development	Peacebuilding	Flexible/Elective course choice**
Conflict Resolution	The Politics and Power of Nonviolence	Flexible/Elective course choice**
Gender, Peace and Security in Global and Local Perspective	Flexible/Elective course choice	Flexible/Elective course choice**
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16 Units (1 year)

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Semester 1	Semester 2
Security and Development	Peacebuilding
Conflict Resolution	The Politics and Power of Nonviolence
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Flexible course choice*	Flexible course choice

8 Units - Grad Certificate (6 months)

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Any question as of now?

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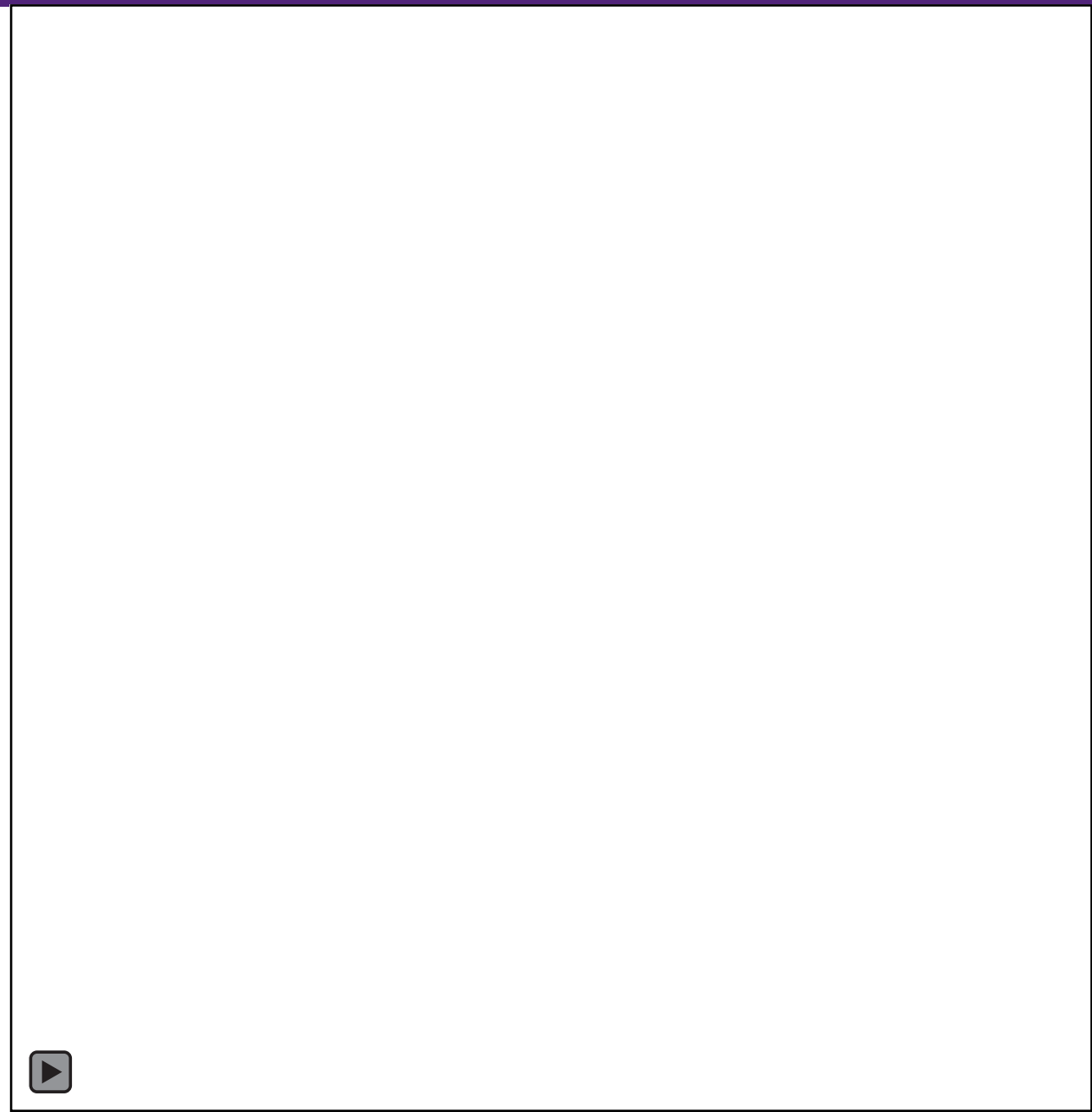
Course variation

Up to 2 variations in Masters program

Courses outside of the approved program list requires a variation request form

Unless extenuating circumstances can be clearly demonstrated, variations to a major or program will not be approved for:

- Compulsory courses or
- Undertaking another course in lieu of a previously failed compulsory course.



Course enrolment

A student may enrol in courses up to the following limits:

- For a summer semester — 6 units
- Other semesters — 10 units — if the student gained a GPA of 4.5 or above in the most recent semester of full-time enrolment; or
- 8 units — if the student gained a GPA of less than 4.5 in the most recent semester of full-time enrolment.

Preparing for your courses

Make sure to:

- Familiarise yourself with Course Profile, Blackboard, Reading list, Learning activities and assessment deadlines
- Develop a study plan including the choice of compulsory and electives
- Enrol in courses before the enrolment closes
- If variation is needed, discuss with the Plan Convenor and run graduation check as well
- If any doubt, seek help…

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Settling into university life

Access support

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Attend HASS Build & Bond

This is the perfect chance to meet new people, connect with your peers, and start building your HASS community.

🗓️ **Date:** Wed, 25 Feb 2026
⏰ **Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AEST
📍 **Location:** Great Court Marquee

What to Expect:

🍪 **Free Snacks:** Enjoy delicious snacks and juice boxes.
🚴‍♂️ **Free table games:** Uno, Monopoly deals, Spot it, taco cat goat cheese pizza
🎨 **Free block building and colouring:** Unleash your creativity with plenty of building blocks or dive into a world of colours with our colouring activity

Scan the QR code to register

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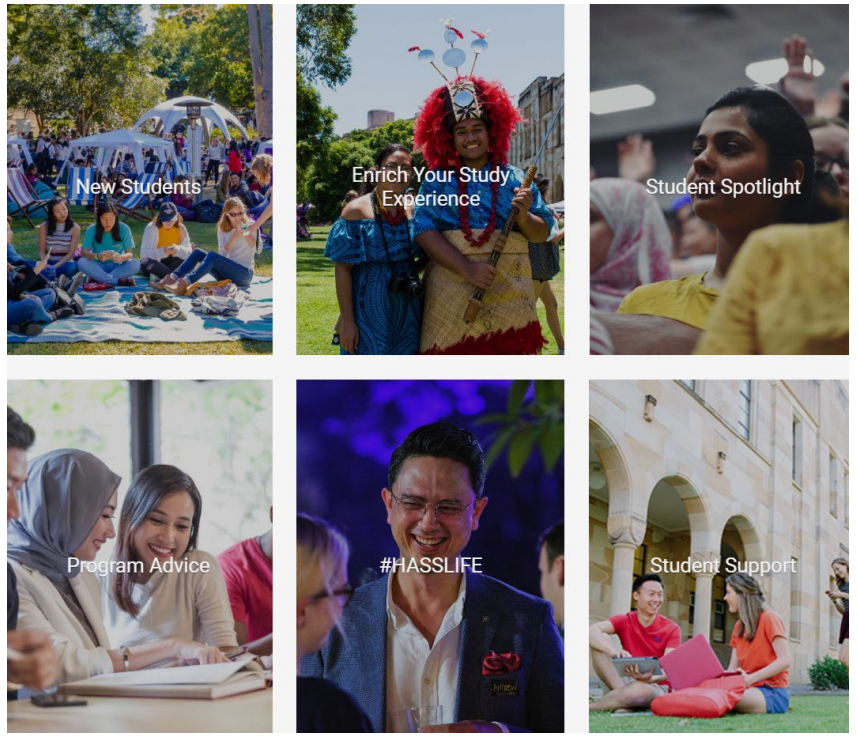

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The School of Political Science and International Studies:

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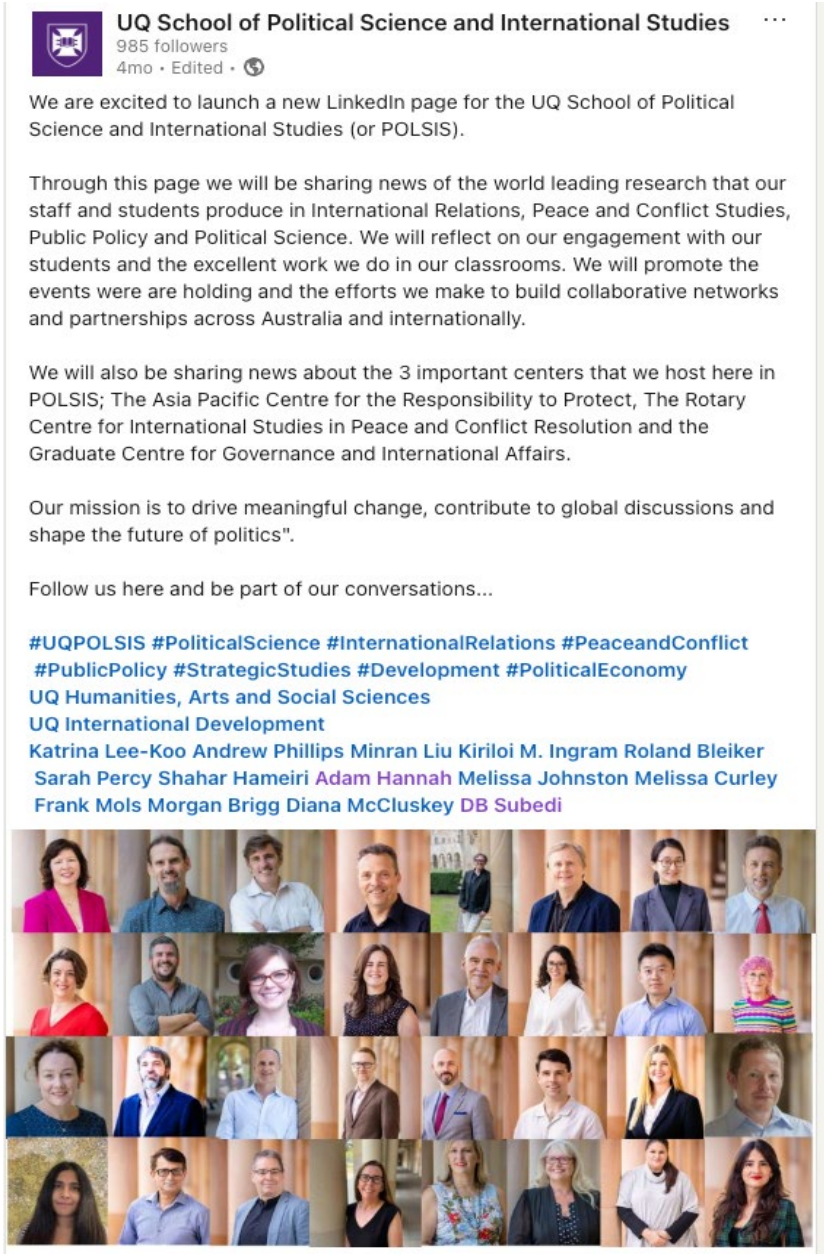

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Quick Survey

We really value your feedback as it allows us to improve for the future.
Please complete this 2-minute survey.